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The Blanding City Council opposes the creation of a National Monument in San Juan County. The elected officials of Blanding represent community members of many different ethnic and cultural backgrounds, including a large number of Native American residents. Blanding is a community where citizens come together to work and play in relative harmony by accepting, appreciating, and celebrating differences in culture.

We oppose any proposal that is instituted at the Federal level without the input and consideration of local residents who have responsibly used and enjoyed the public lands in San Juan County for more than a century. The creation of a National Monument will severely limit the responsible use and enjoyment of these amazing places for all people, as well as devastate the fragile economy of our area that is already suffering under the burdens of Federal regulation and overreach. There is no immediate threat to the lands in question, and we oppose the methods and tactics of groups who use fear and misinformation to further their own political agenda.

Signed

Blanding City Council